

**HB 477 Protects doctors and the public by providing clear definitions
and protective language.**

It replaces the vague language of *Baxter vs.* with bright definitions.

The "...purposely..." language provides doctors an extra layer of protection from false claims.

HB 477 lowers the potential penalty from life in *Baxter vs.* to 10 years or less.

HB 477 preserves our end of life choices provided by the Terminally Ill Act of 1993, Title 50, chapters 9 and 10. Such choices of advanced directives, living wills, any act to withhold or withdraw treatment, including palliative care in which a dying person receives medication to alleviate pain that may hasten the dying person's death, all these choices are intact and in good order.

HB 477 is good public safety policy.

Vote YES on HB 477 to close the door on defacto legalization of assisted suicide in Montana.

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